## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/822,477 Examiner: Hu, Jinsong Filed: April 12, 2004 Group/Art Unit: 2154 Inventors: 5681-76200 Atty. Dkt. No: Bruce D. Alexander, et al. Title: System and Method for **Application Resource** Utilization Metering and Cost Allocation in a Utility **Computing Environment** 

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 28, 2008**

## Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of May 28, 2008, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.